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In re Patent Application of:  
Steve A. Herweck *et al.*

Application No.: 10/045544

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Art Unit: 3731

For: BODY FLUID CARTRIDGE EXCHANGE  
PLATFORM DEVICE

Examiner: J. W. Woo

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2005 (Paper No. 20050405), finally rejecting claims 1-21, 23-26, 29-36, 38-40, 56 and 57, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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